

Course Syllabus

China and Globalization

Course Description:

This course, based on the cases, special events and experiences, from the historical and synchronic perspectives, interprets China's politics, economy, society and culture in the global context, and presents the contributions China has made to the world economy as well as the challenges China is facing in the global age. Through lectures, readings, videos, presentations and discussions, students will learn the fundamental knowledge about China. Taking a global perspective on the China issues, the course helps them form an objective perception about China, thus enhancing the intercultural communication. This course may benefit other international courses such as international trade, business, laws, and Chinese language and culture.

Expected Student Outcomes:

1. To acquire an understanding of the role China plays in the globalization.
2. To be familiar with the history, present and future of the China's involvement in globalization.
3. To have a better understanding about Chinese social phenomena and avoid intercultural misunderstanding.

Course Requirements

This course requires students to complete the following:

Participation: 30%

Presentation: 30%

A Paper focusing on China issue: 40%

About classroom participation: Besides regular attendance, students should be ready to discuss the readings/ lectures. Students will be divided into small discussion groups at the beginning of the term, and topics for presentation will be assigned to each of group members.

About in-class presentation: Each group will conduct a 30-minute PPT presentation and also provide the questions for a 15- minute discussion on the topic provided. The presentation should be informative on the topic, and creativity is more than welcomed. Students must send their PPT to the course instructor for evaluation after the presentation, and references or academic sources are required for each presentation at the end of PPT presentation.

About the paper: The length of the paper is about 3000 English words not including references. It must be related to China issue, and follow the format of the journal articles.

CLASS SCHEDULE

It covers 8 special topics:

Lecture 1: Introduction: Past, present and future of China and globalization (week 1)

Lecture 2: China and economic globalization since the Opium Wars (weeks 2-3)

Lecture 3: Chinese culture goes global: Confucianism and globalization (weeks 4-5)

Lecture 4: Globalization and China's environmental governance (week 6)

Lecture 5: China's social structure and social change in the globalization (week 7)

Lecture 6: Globalization and China's urbanization and rural development (week 8)

Lecture 7: The western perceptions of China's rise (week 9)

Lecture 8: The globalization of drugs and China's drug governance (week 10)